

march as an expression of reverence for those who fought along side them in Vietnam, but did not return. And the Kerr brothers have called our attention to the importance of cherishing our great freedom that has come through the "blood of heroes."

The Kerr brothers can be proud of their dedication to their country, and their great commitment to honor the values of their family and the principles of democracy and freedom. We as a nation have benefitted from the sacrifices, extraordinary contributions and example of these four brothers who bravely went off to war after having lost their father. I know that my Senate colleagues join me and the Royal Oak Parade Council in paying tribute to the Kerr brothers for their service in our nation's armed forces and their great bravery and valor as Vietnam veterans.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that it has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3253. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment within the Department of Veterans Affairs of improved emergency medical preparedness, research, and education programs to combat terrorism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4608. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Center."

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 165. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that continual research and education into the cause and cure of fibroid tumors be addressed.

H. Con. Res. 309. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of good cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages.

H. Con. Res. 314. Concurrent resolution recognizing the members of AMVETS for their service to the Nation and supporting the goal of AMVETS National Charter Day.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, notwith-

standing the provisions of that section regarding the Chairmanship, and clause 10 of rule I, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, Chairman, Mr. DREIER of California, Mr. STENHOLM of Texas, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Mr. FILNER of California, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD of California, Mr. CANNON of Utah, Mr. REYES of Texas, Mr. TANCREDO of Colorado, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d and clause 10 of rule I, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, Chairman, Mr. GILMAN of New York, Mr. LAFALCE of New York, Mr. SHAW of Florida, Mr. LIPINSKI of Illinois, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. STEARNS of Florida, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida, Mr. SOUDER of Indiana, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3253. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment within the Department of Veterans Affairs of improved emergency medical preparedness, research, and education programs to combat terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 165. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that continual research and education into the cause and cure for fibroid tumors be addressed; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 309. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of good cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 314. Concurrent resolution recognizing the members of AMVETS for their service to the Nation and supporting the goal of AMVETS National Charter Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-7164. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the law, a report relative to a Determination and Certification under Section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7165. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports for

January 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7166. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, the OMB Cost Estimate for Pay-As-You-Go Calculations for report numbers 575 and 576; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-7167. A communication from the Vice Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7168. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Veterans' Employment, Business Opportunity, and Training Act of 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7169. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Hoopa-Yurok Settlement Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7170. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Accounting Periods" ((RIN1545-AX15)(TD8996)) received on May 16, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7171. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule "Ridge and Marjory Harlan v. Commissioner" received on May 17, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7172. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Remedial Amendment Period" (Rev. Proc. 2001-55) received on May 17, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7173. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Valuation of Option for Golden Parachute Payment" (Rev. Proc. 2002-13) received on May 17, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7174. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Reporting Forms Implementing FEC Rule Transmitted on March 15, 2002" received on May 9, 2002; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-7175. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, twenty-three recommendations for legislative action; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-7176. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nicotine; Tolerance Revocations" (FRL6836-7) received on May 16, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7177. A communication from the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning; Extension of Compliance Deadline; Interim Final Rule" (RIN0596-AB87) received on May 17, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7178. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department